

REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

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NEW FEES FOR POTABLE WELLS

Starting on **May 1**, new high capacity well application fees (\$500) and private well notification fees (\$50) become effective in Wisconsin. These fees were authorized by the Legislature to support water supply regulation activities in DNR. DNR has already notified licensed well drillers, pump installers and engineering consultants that frequently submit water supply plans to DNR. These fees also apply to construction dewatering wells, but do not apply to groundwater monitoring wells.

PECFA ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual site reports for PECFA sites need to be completed during a period that starts **May 1**, 2005 and ends 30 days from the effective date of proposed changes to Comm 47, Wis. Admin. Code. The Department of Commerce will make an additional announcement when the end date for this reporting period is known. The reports need to be completed by consultants and responsible parties using the link labeled "[Annual Site Reporting Page](#)", accessed through the PECFA home page at <http://commerce.wi.gov/ER/ER-PECFA-Home.html>. PECFA program staff encourage all consultants and owners to complete their reporting responsibilities as soon as practicable. Questions and suggestions regarding this year's reporting should be emailed to siteclassification@commerce.state.wi.us. Questions will be answered as soon as possible.

WISCONSIN NBA MEETING REMINDER

The new Wisconsin Chapter of the National Brownfield Association is holding its inaugural reception **May 18** from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Summit Place, 6737 W. Washington St., West Allis, Wisconsin. This complimentary reception is intended to show how the NBA plans to benefit professionals from the public and private sectors involved in brownfield redevelopment in Wisconsin. Mayor John Antaramian of Kenosha (Chapter President), Mayor Jeannette Bell of West Allis and others will be there. To register, contact the NBA at (773) 714-0407 or visit the NBA website at www.brownfieldassociation.org. The National Brownfield Association is a nonprofit, educational organization.

EPA OFFERS GREAT LAKES GRANTS

EPA has almost \$4 million in grants through their Great Lakes Program that can be used to fund pollution prevention and toxics reduction, as well as other activities. The deadline for applications is **May 31**, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. Up to 100 projects may be funded nationwide. Eligible applicants include state and interstate agencies, local governments, public and nonprofit agencies, and other non-profit institutions and groups. Submittals should be developed through EPA's electronic project submission system. The guidance and the electronic submission program are available at <http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/fund/2005guid/>. For more information, please contact Michael Russ, EPA at 312-886-4013.

WISCONSIN RECEIVES EPA BROWNFIELD GRANTS

Three communities have just received federal brownfield grants. The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee has received a total of \$400,000 to assess properties with known or suspected contamination from hazardous substances and petroleum, an additional \$800,000 in cleanup funds for four designated sites, and a new \$1 million revolving loan fund. In addition, DNR has received \$400,000 to assess for hazardous substances and petroleum in Milwaukee's 30th Street Industrial Corridor. The West Allis Community Development Authority received \$400,000 in cleanup funds to be used at two designated properties. For more information please see http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/05grants/05grants_reg.htm#reg5

DISCHARGE REPORTING REMINDER

We urge consultants to remind responsible parties that s.292.11(2), Wis. Stats. requires the responsible party to notify the department "immediately" of a discharge to the environment. Discharges typically are identified in two manners: observable incidents or analysis of data. Observable spill incidents, such as transportation or industrial accidents, must always be reported immediately by telephone or in person. Use the 24-hour statewide spill reporting hotline (1-800-943-0003). For discharges that are identified through laboratory analysis, the responsible person also must report immediately, but may use our Hazardous Substance Release Fax Notification Form, on the web at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/4400-225.pdf>. The form should be faxed with a summary lab report as soon as lab data is received. Do not wait to write up a report before reporting the discharge. Your report should follow later. There are no trigger levels for discharge reporting other than the de minimus exemptions in NR 706.07(2). De minimus spill quantities must be cleaned up, but do not have to be reported.

MATCH STAR LOANS FOR LOCAL MATCH ON GRANTS

The Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) provides local governments with the opportunity to apply for State Trust Fund Loans. These loaned funds may be used to provide the local match for state or federal grant applications, and are considered a general obligation debt. The BCPL provides these loans in the same manner and with the same interest rates with which they make other BCPL loans. Rates effective February 18, 2005 are 3.50% for loans up to five years, 4.25% for loan periods from five to ten years and 5.00% for loans over ten years. Once a loan application is approved the interest rate is guaranteed for all disbursements on that application. For more information, please see <http://bcpl.state.wi.us/asx/Index.asp?target=LOANPROG> or contact Coletta DeMuth at coletta.demuth@bcpl.state.wi.us or

CLEANUP OVERSIGHT AND REDEVELOPMENT

Contaminated site cleanups with agri-chemical contamination receive state oversight from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Contaminated site cleanups from medium and low priority leaking petroleum tanks receive state oversight from the Department of Commerce. How, then, do responsible parties and environmental consultants integrate their redevelopment needs at these sites with their technical cleanups? By communicating and coordinating the redevelopment aspects of these cleanups with RR Program staff, even when the technical approvals are taking place in another agency. For example, a property owner may want a voluntary party liability exemption (VPLE) on a property where he or she also expects to send Commerce a site investigation report for a leaking tank incident. Commerce will review the adequacy of the tank site report, but DNR will need an investigation of the entire property in order to issue a VPLE. The investigation of the entire property may include the tank site investigation, but it must be clear to both Commerce and to DNR which parts of the investigation relate to the VPLE. It's best to initiate this communication with both agencies as early as possible.

RENEWS NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The RR Program's March ReNews is available on-line at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR727.pdf>. This issue highlights the RR Program audit of institutional controls, new and improved on-line databases, the Air and Waste Division 2004 annual report and more. Previous newsletters are available at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pub_index.html#GENERALPROGR.